ICS-400: Advanced ICS Command and General Staff—Complex Incidents

EMI Course Number: G400

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Course Background Information

Purpose

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Who Should Attend

The target audience for this course is senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multiagency Coordination Entity.

This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses. These earlier courses are prerequisites for ICS-400.

Course Goals

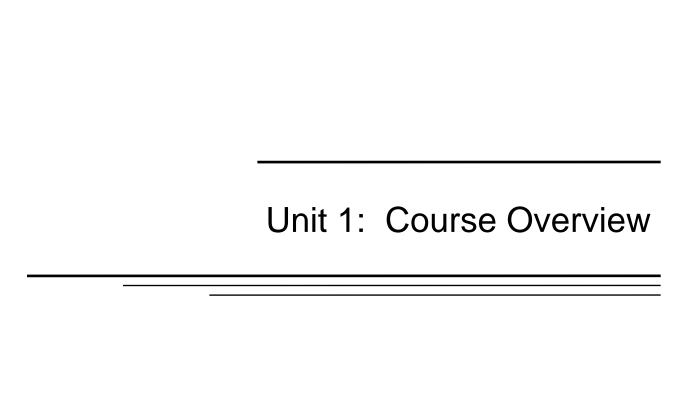
The course goals are as follows:

- Explain how major incidents engender special management challenges.
- Describe the circumstances in which an Area Command is established.
- Describe the circumstances in which multiagency coordination systems are established.

Training Content

The training is comprised of the following lessons:

- Unit 1: Course Overview
- Unit 2: Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff
- Unit 3: Major and/or Complex Incident/Event Management
- Unit 4: Area Command
- Unit 5: Multiagency Coordination
- Unit 6: Course Summary



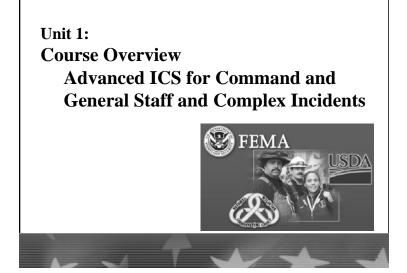
Unit 1

Course Overview

Topic

Course Welcome





Visual Description: Title Slide

Key Points

Welcome to the ICS-400 course. This course builds on the ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses.

Course Goals



ICS-400 Course Goals

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- Describe the circumstances in which an Area Command is established.
- Describe the circumstances in which multiagency coordination systems are established.

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Unit 1: Visual 1.2 Course Overview

Visual Description: Course Goals

Key Points

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Explain how major incidents engender special management challenges.
- Describe the circumstances in which an Area Command is established.
- Describe the circumstances in which multiagency coordination systems are established.

This course is designed for senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or multiagency coordination system.

This course is designed to provide overall incident management skills rather than tactical expertise. Additional courses are available on developing and implementing incident tactics.

Student Introductions and Expectations



Student Introductions

- Name, job title, and organization
- Overall experience with emergency or incident response
- Incident Command System (ICS) qualifications and most recent ICS experience



Visual Description: Student Introductions

Key Points

Introduce yourself by providing:

- Name, job title, and organization.
- Overall experience with emergency or incident response.
- ISC qualifications and most recent ICS experience.

Student Introductions and Expectations





Visual Description: What do you expect to gain from this course?

Key Points



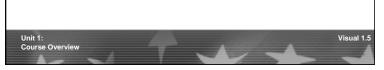
Jot down some notes below on what you expect to gain from this course.

Instructor Introductions and Expectations



Instructor Expectations

- Cooperate with the group.
- Be open minded to new ideas.
- Participate actively in all of the training activities and exercises.
- Return to class at the stated time.
- Use what you learn in the course to perform effectively within an ICS organization.



Visual Description: Instructor Expectations

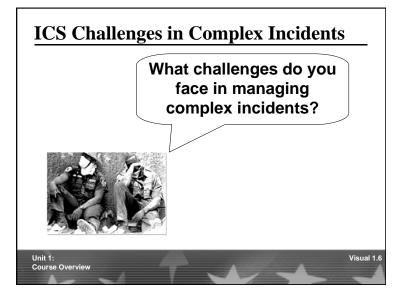
Key Points

During this course, you will be expected to:

- Cooperate with the group.
- Be open minded to new ideas.
- Participate actively in all of the training activities and exercises.
- Return to class at the stated time.
- Use what you learn in the course to perform effectively within an ICS organization.

ICS Challenges in Complex Incidents





Visual Description: ICS Challenges in Complex Incidents

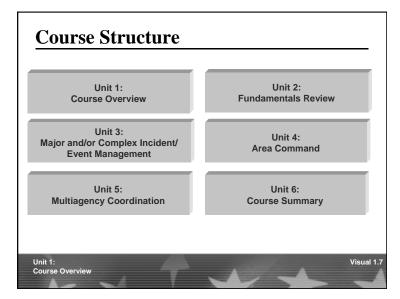
Key Points



Identify challenges associated with managing complex incidents.

Course Structure





Visual Description: Course Structure

Key Points

This course includes the following six lessons:

- Unit 1: Course Overview (current lesson)
- Unit 2: Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff
- Unit 3: Major and/or Complex Incident/Event Management
- Unit 4: Area Command
- Unit 5: Multiagency Coordination
- Unit 6: Course Summary

Course Logistics



Course Logistics

- Course agenda
- Sign-in sheet
- Housekeeping:
 - Breaks
 - Message and telephone location
 - Cell phone policy
 - Facilities
 - Other concerns





Visual Description: Course Logistics

Key Points

Your instructor will review the following logistical information:

- Course agenda
- Sign-in sheet
- Housekeeping:
 - Breaks
 - Message and telephone location
 - Cell phone policy
 - Facilities
- Other concerns

Successful Course Completion



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- Participate in unit activities/exercises.
- Achieve 70% or higher on the final exam.
- Complete the end-ofcourse evaluation.



Unit 1: Visual 1 Course Overview

Visual Description: Successful Course Completion

Key Points

In order to successfully complete this course, you must:

- Participate in unit activities/exercises.
- Achieve 70% or higher on the final exam.
- Complete the end-of-course evaluation.

The next unit presents a review of Command and General Staff fundamentals.



Your Notes